

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 473

Introduced by Assembly Member Adams

February 20, 2007

An act to amend Section 84215 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 473, as introduced, Adams. Political Reform Act of 1974: filing campaign statements.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires elected officers, candidates, and committees to file campaign statements. The act requires all candidates, elected officers, committees, and proponents of state ballot measures or the qualification of state ballot measures, with certain exceptions, to file 2 copies of these campaign statements with the clerk of the county in which they are domiciled. The act provides that a committee is domiciled at the address listed on its campaign statement or if the committee is outside of California, it is deemed to be Los Angeles County.

This bill would provide instead that all candidates and elected officers and their controlled committees shall file 1 copy of the campaign statements with the clerk of the county in which the candidate or elected officer is domiciled. The bill would make this provision inapplicable to proponents of state ballot measures or the qualification of state ballot measures.

The act requires certain officers, candidates, and committees to file copies with the Secretary of State and at additional locations.

This bill would reduce the number of copies that a committee, candidate, or elected officer is required to file at additional locations from 2 to 1.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes, upon a 2/3 vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 84215 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 84215. All candidates; *and* elected officers; *and their controlled*
4 ~~committees, and proponents of state ballot measures or the~~
5 ~~qualification of state ballot measures,~~ except as provided in
6 subdivision (e), shall file ~~two copies~~ *one copy* of the campaign
7 statements required by Section 84200 with the clerk of the county
8 in which ~~they are~~ *the candidate or elected official is* domiciled, as
9 ~~defined in subdivision (b) of Section 349 of the Elections Code. A~~
10 ~~committee is domiciled at the address listed on its campaign~~
11 ~~statement unless it is domiciled outside California in which case~~
12 ~~its domicile shall be deemed to be Los Angeles County for the~~
13 ~~purpose of this section.~~ In addition, campaign statements shall be
14 filed at the following places:

15 (a) Statewide elected officers and candidates for these offices
16 other than the Board of Equalization, supreme court justices, their
17 controlled committees, committees formed or existing primarily
18 to support or oppose these candidates, elected officers, supreme
19 court justices, or statewide measures, or the qualification of state
20 ballot measures, and all state general purpose committees and filers
21 not specified in subdivisions (b) to (e), inclusive:

22 (1) The original and one copy with the Secretary of State.

23 (2) ~~Two copies~~ *One copy* with the Registrar-Recorder of Los
24 Angeles County.

25 (3) ~~Two copies~~ *One copy* with the Registrar of Voters of the
26 City and County of San Francisco.

1 (b) Members of the Legislature or Board of Equalization, court
2 of appeal justices, superior court judges, candidates for those
3 offices, their controlled committees, and committees formed or
4 existing primarily to support or oppose these candidates or
5 officeholders:

6 (1) The original and one copy with the Secretary of State.

7 (2) ~~Two copies~~ *One copy* with the clerk of the county with the
8 largest number of registered voters in the districts affected.

9 (c) Elected officers in jurisdictions other than legislative
10 districts, Board of Equalization districts, or appellate court districts
11 that contain parts of two or more counties, candidates for these
12 offices, their controlled committees, and committees formed or
13 existing primarily to support or oppose candidates or local
14 measures to be voted upon in one of these jurisdictions shall file
15 the original and one copy with the clerk of the county with the
16 largest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction.

17 (d) County elected officers, candidates for these offices, their
18 controlled committees, committees formed or existing primarily
19 to support or oppose candidates or local measures to be voted upon
20 in any number of jurisdictions within one county, other than those
21 specified in subdivision (e), and county general purpose committees
22 shall file the original and one copy with the clerk of the county.

23 (e) City elected officers, candidates for city office, their
24 controlled committees, committees formed or existing primarily
25 to support or oppose candidates or local measures to be voted upon
26 in one city, and city general purpose committees shall file the
27 original and one copy with the clerk of the city. These elected
28 officers, candidates, and committees need not file with the clerk
29 of the county in which they are domiciled.

30 (f) Notwithstanding the above, a committee, candidate, or
31 elected officer is not required to file more than the original and
32 one copy, or ~~two copies~~ *one copy*, of a campaign statement with
33 any one county or city clerk or with the Secretary of State.

34 (g) If a committee is required to file campaign statements
35 required by Section 84200 or 84200.5 in places designated in
36 subdivisions (d) and (e), it shall continue to file these statements
37 in those places, in addition to any other places required by this
38 title, until the end of the calendar year.

39 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers
40 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the

- 1 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
- 2 Code.

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